

**Remarks**

In light of the art cited by the Examiner, applicants have amended their claims in an attempt to be fully compliant with what the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claims 11-14 and 23-26 were only objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and the intervening claims. Accordingly, tracing the claim dependency backwards from Claim 11, applicants' attorney has incorporated this material into amended independent Claim 1. Likewise, for claims 23-26, applicants have complied fully with the Examiner's request by cancelling these claims as their subject matter now appears elsewhere and their inclusion would be duplicative.

It is noted that the present response does not require the payment of any additional fees.

Accordingly, it is now seen that all of the applicants' claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, early notification of the allowability of applicants' claims is earnestly solicited. Furthermore, if there are any other matters which the Examiner feels could be expeditiously considered and which would forward the prosecution of the instant application, applicants' attorney wishes to indicate his willingness to engage in any telephonic communication in

furtherance of this objective. Accordingly, applicants' attorney may be reached for this purpose at the numbers provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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